



10/21/12 Letter From Richard Abitz to José Torres - 6WQ-SG Re Aquifer Contamination at KVD

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FYI:

Dr. Richard Abitz, a geochemist who has recently discussed uranium in-situ solution mining in South Texas with members of EPA UIC staff and the public, sent me the attached letter. In this letter, Dr. Abitz illustrates why he thinks that the aquifer contamination observed at the Garcia Hill wells in Kleberg County is the result of mining operations in the **Kingsville Dome** mining site.

I hope that you have the opportunity to review Dr. Abitz's letter and provide your suggestions as to what action, if any, related to this letter I may need to take. I am sharing with you my work copy of the letter, in which I have added emphasis to the most important points Dr. Abitz has made, and which might help expedite its review. If you would rather have a clean copy, I will be more than happy to provide one.

Also, I have been working on a data set, related to the possible contamination of the Goliad aquifer in the vicinity of the KVD mining site, submitted via e-mail to EPA by Kleberg County citizens. I may have a response for the citizens, based on a review of these data, towards the end of November.

I look forward to hearing from you on this matter. Thank you,

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